

iiiaiKinivrijg than by fighting, to cvacuate the Grand Duchy. lit\* pursued them into Ualieia an far as Oraeow.

Aft\*\*r thin honorable campaign he continued to exercise his functions sis Minister until 1X12. The war against Russia again summoned him to the head of the Polish army. After taking part in all the, events of that war., which was attended by swh various chances, Poniatowski was present at the buttl\*\* of Leipsic. That battle, which commenced on the Mill of October, the anniversary of the famous battles of Ului and of Jena, 1 justed four days, and decided the fate of Europe. Five hundred thousand men fought on a surface of three square leagues.

Retreat having become indispensable, Napoleon took, leave at L«'ipsif of the King of Saxony and his family, whom he hud brought with him from Dresden. The Emperor then 4»xc\*l«'iim'd in a loud voice, "Adieu, Saxons," to the people, who filled th\*<sup>1</sup> nwrkot-plsu'.ts when? the King of Saxony resided. With wiine diillculty, and sifter panning through many turnings uncl windings, ho gained the suburb of Runntadt and left LripHie by the outer gate of that suburb which leads to the britip<sup>1</sup> of the Mister, und to Lindeiniu. rhe bridge was blown up shortly iifi»r he had passed it, and that event utterly previ»iili»d ih\*<sup>1</sup> retreit of tlie part of the unny whicht was on the left bank of the Klnier, and which fell into the power of the i»i»»iiiy. Napoleon WIVH at tht. ^ time accuncKI of having ordered tin\* (U'ttrtwlion of the bridges iminodately after he had himself pa»i4f»fl It in <inl»<r to necure his own jwjrHonul retreat, as ho wan tliri»iiti\*rii\*il by thi\* ^ ^ tive pursuit of the enemy. The English jonrimln wer« itiyyiiniouB on this point, and to counteract this opinion, which wan very general, an article was inserted in the

**Hefortt panning** the bridge of the ElHtor Napoleon had <ltr<wtm1  
**Poniatownki**, in concert with Marshal' Maedonald,  
**to covf\*r** and **protect** the retreat, and to defend that part of th« **Httburb** of fmipste which is nearest to the Borna road, for lit\* **ittfuntticm** of these orders he had, only 2000 I^olish **infantry**. Hf»

**in** this de»|>erate situation when he  
saw **tho** **Kreiich** **columtm** in **full**  
retreat, and the bridge so choked